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Wallace Vows His Delegates To Back Party

SILVER SPRINGS, Md. (AP)—Stricken Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace has reassured Democrats that his delegates to the national convention will support the party's presidential nominee.

"Wallace has publicly committed his delegates to comply totally with the call of our convention," said Democratic National Chairman Lawrence F. O'Brien.

"That commitment included the provision that no delegate can take part and later support a candidate other than the Democratic nominee."

But he added that Wallace has not promised his own support for the Democratic nominee.

O'Brien's statement Wednesday came one day after he visited Wallace at Holy Cross Hospital, in Silver Spring, Md., where the governor is recuperating from gunshot wounds following an attempted assassination last week during a campaign rally in Laurel, Md.

Wallace's condition is showing marked improvement and speculation mounted that he would be transferred today to Birmingham, Ala.

O'Brien, speaking with reporters following a speech at the National Press Club, said only "good faith" would prevent Wallace from defecting and launching a third-party presidential movement if his bid for the Democratic nomination fails.

Wallace is expected to attend the Democratic National Convention at Miami Beach in July even though he probably will be bedridden for three to five more weeks.

"I feel pretty good for a man who got shot four or five times," he told reporters in his hospital room Wednesday. "It will take time to get over."

Wallace, who looked weak and somewhat pale, added "they say I'm doing real good."

Bomb Threats Multiply At Wallace's Hospital

SILVER SPRING, Md. (AP) —Officials at Holy Cross Hospital said today they have received many bomb threats since Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace has been hospitalized there.

Tom Burke, Holy Cross public relations representative, said, however, that there has been no evidence shown through searches that any bombs have been planted.

"Almost simultaneously with the arrival of Gov. Wallace in our emergency room, the first of a great many threatening and crank calls were received by telephone," said Burke. He said such calls have been received daily since Wallace was taken to the hospital for treatment of gunshot wounds he received May 15 at a political rally in Laurel, Md.

A bomb squad has been stationed at the hospital.

Burke said many of these calls have been bomb threats, the callers indicating an explosive device had been planted in the building.

Burke said there has been some criticism of the strict security measures invoked at the hospital. He said that, while the hospital understands the resentment the security measures have produced, they are in the best interest of the patients and all who must work in the hospital.

Persons going into the hospital must be thoroughly checked out at the door. Their baggage is searched in most cases.

Burke said only the immediate families of patients are allowed to visit them.

There are 240 in-patients at Holy Cross now.

"Gov. Wallace will remain at Holy Cross until doctors can decide when he can be moved," Burke said.

One of Wallace's security guards has commented: "If anybody wants to make a crank call, they'll have to stand in line at the switchboard."

Legislators Asked For Wallace Stands

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Attorney Ross Barnett Jr., son of former Mississippi governor and a Jackson attorney serving as campaign manager for Alabama Gov. George Wallace, called on state Democratic leaders to "let us know where you stand on Wallace's campaign for the presidency."

Barnett said only Sen. James O. Eastland had revealed his feelings on Wallace's campaign and said "our other senator and congressmen, as well as all state leaders, should make their stands known."